

ABSTRACT**FIXING ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS**

Disclosed is an assembly for assisting in the attachment of an
5 applicant such as a winch to a surface (e.g. deck) of a watercraft
such as a sailing boat.

Fixing screws are retained in apertures in the winch by
retaining means such as lock washers. The assembly of the winch and
screws may therefore be produced at a location remote from the
10 watercraft, the retaining meanings holding the screws against
rotation during transportation and during fixing of the appliance to
the surface of the watercraft.